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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joichiro EZAKI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD OF  
FABRICATING THE SAME

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- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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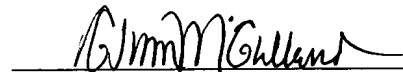
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference is discussed on P. 3 in the specification.

**Reference AB on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference is discussed on P. 5 in the specification.

**Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,343,422	08/30/94	Kenneth T. KUNG, et al.			
	AB	5,629,922	05/13/97	Jagadeesh S. Moodera, et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	9-91949	04/04/97	Japan		X
	AP	2001-256773	09/21/01	Japan (with English Abstract)		X
	AQ	2001-273759	10/05/01	Japan (with English Abstract)		X
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